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Nibbies & Bits

By S. Simon

Computer Users *REJOICE*!! The G.S.A. recognizes the need for computer resources by graduate students throughout the university. In the past most graduate students found it hard (even impossible) to get access to computer terminals during regular hours and especially on week-ends.

During the past three months, the G.S.A. has been collecting data on computing resources needed by the graduate student body, and has allocated over 10 per cent of its annual budget to provide computer services specifically for graduate students.

As a result of this survey, the G.S.A. has installed computer terminals in the Royal George Apartments which can be used to communicate with the Concordia University Cyber 835. In the near future we will be purchasing a micro computer system for the G.S.A. office and graduate students.

With the micro computer system, we will be able to offer the graduate student body facilities not easily accessible on the main computing system.

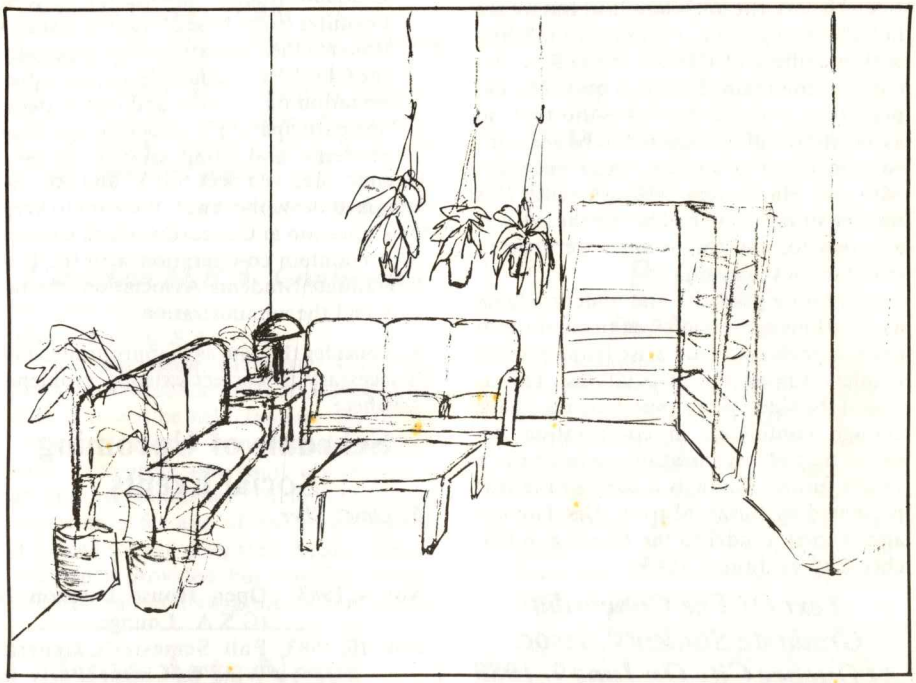
Grads owe thanks for this to the Computer Centre, the Computer Science Graduate Students' Association, and your contribution through graduate student fees that *our own* Computer Resource Centre is a reality.

At present the Computer Resource Centre is located at 1452 Bishop St. #5A (the Royal George Apartments, across the street from the Hall Building). For a few weeks the Computer Resource Centre will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 18:00, Monday to Friday. We hope to extend these to 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by the end of October.

The C.R.C. shall open no later than October 30, at this time we will have three Lanpar Decwriters (donated by the Computer Centre), connected to the Concordia University Cyber 835. Shortly after, we hope to have a high speed video display terminal operational. This V.D.U. has been purchased by the C.S.G.S.A. Our micro computer system will be available by mid-November. At present we will be purchasing an I.B.M. PC system, but hope that in the future we will be able to offer services to graduate students using CP/M and Apple based systems.

It's a start! The G.S.A. welcomes all comments and suggestions (good or bad), as to improving the Computer Resource Centre and Computing Facilities for graduate students at Concordia. (Loyola campus too). I invite all graduate students to take advantage of our Computer Resource Centre and to become more aware of what the computer can do to make your life at Concordia a little bit easier.

Happy computing!



Graduate Student Centre

This is the year grads get their own lounge. At the Royal George, rooms are being decorated and some of the furniture has already arrived. On October 28, 1983, you will be able to relax in the scene pictured on this page, watch T.V., use the computers, play chess and cards and a variety of indoor games, and study in the reading room.

Street Festival, G.S.A. Was There Too!

By Michel Bellemare

Thanks to CUSA, we were able to set up a booth at the Street Festival on September 15th. As this event is becoming a tradition, hopefully the graduate students will become more involved next year. This gigantic operation was a superb realization and there are many people who can describe it better than I. Some of the highlights of the festival were the Ferris Wheel, the CBC set-up on the Quadrangle and the different musical groups. The G.S.A. representatives were offering all sorts of information pamphlets and selling the graduate student T-shirts at the low price of $4.00.

I just want to tell you how nice it was to be there. People were enchanted for the opportunity to be informal in a normally rigorous setting. The atmosphere was warm and welcoming; the ideal time to make new friends. That is the reason why I hope that next year a greater number of graduate students will participate to greet the new students, because no matter at what level you enter University, it is always a bit frightening to find yourself in a new environment.

Bill 32

By Michel Bellemare

As an active student association, the G.S.A. (Graduate Students' Association) did not remain untouched by "an act respecting the accreditation and financing of students' associations", tabled by Claude Laurin at the National Assembly on May 31, 1983.

At the Parliamentary Commission Hearings in Quebec City the G.S.A. took a firm stand against Bill 32. Despite the short period of time at our disposal, the G.S.A. voice was heard by the National Assembly. Nevertheless, the bill is now law! But we are not about to give up. Following a meeting with members of CUSA, the G.S.A. decided to maintain the status quo. The explanatory notes in the bill state that no association will be required to be accredited, providing that some arrangement exists with the educational establishment. This was the situation we had before the law was assented to, and this is what we hope to maintain in the future.

If separate graduate and undergraduate associations are not allowed to continue to exist, a problem could arise from internal conficts among the associations. This is one of the side effects expected. Yet I have enough confidence in co-operation between the two organizations to believe in a bright future. Below is a copy of the text presented by Susan Murray, Urs Thomas and Robert Trudel to the Hearing in Quebec City on June 9, 1983.

Text Of The Concordia Graduate Students' Assoc. At Quebec City On June 9, 1983

By S. Murray

We thank the Chairman and the education critic for the opportunity to express our point of view. As we learned of this proposed law at the last moment, we can do no more today then present very briefly the position of the Concordia University Graduate Students' Association.

We request that this law be withdrawn for the following reasons:-

(1) It does not respect the tradition of Concordia University which has had for years, separate graduate and undergraduate associations, which are fully recognised and respected by the administration, faculty and students. We are satisfied with the present arrangement.

(2) This proposed piece of legislation would disrupt a system which works very well, causing dissension and turmoil within our university community, but especially it would threaten the present harmonious relationship between the graduate and undergraduate student associations.

(3) The proposed wide ranging powers of the agent d'accreditation and the committee d'accreditation would allow the government to intercede in student politics and would violate the independence of existing student governments.

(4) We consider this law as an infringement on our association.

(5) We fear bill 32 is just the beginning of an increasing Government interference into the democratic structure and process of our University.

(6) Without commenting on the preoccupation of other student associations and other institutions, we want to stress that our rights, which were acquired during years of negotiations with the administration, not be jeopardised. The Concordia University Graduate Students' association's priorities differ from those of student associations at other education levels especially the CEGEPs and include mainly representation on councils and committees, and participation in decisions regarding academic and administrative matters.

To conclude, we reject Bill 32 and request its immediate withdrawal. We want to keep the status quo at Concordia which enables us to maintain co-operation with the Undergraduate Students Association, the faculty and the administration.

We consider this law as inappropriate, and unnecessary to correct existing problems elsewhere.

Schedule of Upcoming Social Events

By Omer Sher

Nov. 4, 1983: Open House Division II (G.S.A. Lounge)

Nov. 10, 1983: Fall Semester's General Wine & Cheese Party in the Faculty Dining Room, Hall Building. The party will start at 6:00 p.m. and continue til 11:00 p.m. All graduate students with I.D. are welcome. I would request that all members of the Association attend this party to get to know the Council members. It is an opportunity for the graduate students at large to speak personally to the Council members and bring out any problems faced. This will be an occasion for informal discussions concerning the G.S.A. Please feel free to speak of the objectives of the G.S.A. to Council members. Any suggestions and information to improve the activities of the G.S.A. will be appreciated and be given due consideration.

Nov. 18, 1983: Open House Division III (G.S.A. Lounge)

Jan. 26, 1984: First Wine & Cheese Party for the Winter Term. (place and time will be announced in due course)

April 5, 1984: Year End Wine & Cheese Party.

I would request that the department and faculty/division representatives inform me of their upcoming social events.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the G.S.A. for allowing me to serve as Social Affairs Director for the year 1983/84.

Gnosis

Want to publish? Gnosis, an all Concordia journal, partially funded by the G.S.A., welcomes contributions from graduate students from all four faculties of Concordia University. We actively seek submissions from such diverse departments as history, political science, physics, economics, fine arts, business administration, etc.

The only requirements for publication of a paper are that it be between 5 and 25 pages in length; that it be of high academic quality; and that it contain some matter of philosophic interest.

These requirements are best fulfilled in essays by graduate students because it is generally only through exploration of a discipline in depth that one touches on the philosophic aspects to be found in all disciplines.

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Health, Safety, Comfort, Convenience

By William Leonhardt

There exists at Concordia, unknown to most students, a *Health and Safety Committee,* with a graduate representative and an enviable record of achievements. These depend on *your* input through your representative, ideas, opinions, observations, awareness, how things are, and how they should be. Among questions now being considered are health dossiers, smoking, and access to roof, but your suggestions on any topic related to the physical environment will be welcome. Your graduate representative is Bill Leonhardt, c/o G.S.A. Office, or 4927 St. Gabriel St., Pierrefonds H8Y 1Z7, Tel: 684-3502.

Birth Announcement C.S.G.S.A.

What's that? The C.S.G.S.A. is the Computer Science Graduate Students' Association, also referred to as the "Association". As its name indicates, it is an association of all graduate students in Computer Science, at Concordia University. The C.S.G.S.A. was founded a few months ago by Mike Allen, Nabil Naccache, Khalid Siddiqui and Stewart Simon. The C.S.G.S.A. was officially given birth a few weeks ago by the G.S.A. Executive, when the Association's Constitution was approved.

The Executive of the C.S.G.A. is composed of:
Julian Lebensold
(President);
Nabil Naccache
(Vice-President Academic);
Amitava Sen
(Vice-President Social);
Emmanouil Marakakis
(Secretary); and,
Mike Allen
(Treasurer).

Anyone can communicate to the C.S.G.S.A. through the Department of Computer Science.

What's the C.S.G.S.A. goal? The major goal of the C.S.G.S.A. is to look after academic and social matters related to Computer Science. Many problems have already been investigated (e.g., assignment of courses, terminals, PhD Comprehensive Exam,...); some solutions are being proposed. Suggestions from all graduate students in Computer Science are welcome. The C.S.G.S.A. Council is presently being set up; a General Meeting of the Association is to be held on October 12, 1983, at 7 p.m. (Room H-762). May we expect some input from the Graduate Students body?...

Upcoming Events CSGSA:
October 28, 1983: Monthly Meeting Students-Professors*
Late November 1983: Christmas Party*
*Exact time and place to be announced.
Check display window, Hall Bldg., 9th Floor, front of escalators.

The C.S.G.S.A. Executive

Faculty News

Canadian M.B.A. Conference

By Lyne Fortin
President, C.G.S.A.

This year again, McMaster University hosts the Annual Canadian M.B.A. Conference that will be held January 13, 14, 15, 1983 in Hamilton. Four M.B.A. students from Concordia University are invited to attend this conference. There is no formal registration fee and all the meals will be provided for the delegates. Accomodation will also be provided, but only if requested. Transportation arrangements can also be discussed with the Commerce Graduate Students' Association. This conference will give you an opportunity to meet with other M.B.A. students from across Canada and discuss the problems of *Regulation in Business,* wich is the theme for this year. If you are interested in participating, send us your name, address, telephone number and program completion date by November 10, 1983:

Commerce Graduate Students' Association
Concordia University
1455 De Maisonneuve St. West,
GM- 208
Montreal, Quebec
H3H 1M8 Tel: 879-4375

Theology News

Hans Kung will give a talk on "What is the Future for Religion?" November 29, 1983 at 8:00 p.m. in the F.C. Smith Auditorium. Tel: 482-0320 Ext. 553 for further information on this lecture.

Fine Arts News

By Peter Sandmark

Please note that the Fine Arts Graduate students will have a group exhibition in the Bourget Gallery (1230 Mountain St.,) from October 24 to November 4, 1983.

Biology

In Memoriam

This summer François Chabot, a graduate student in Biology, passed away, suddenly, at the age of 26. His death has left a great void in the lives of his friends and family. François was loved and respected by everyone. His friendliness and good humor was appreciated by all the people that knew him. He was always there when someone needed help.

At the time of his death, François was completing his thesis in Ecology. The University, upon a request by Dr. E. Maly (François' supervisor and Biology Graduate Program Director), has accepted to grant a postmortem Masters Degree to François. Also, the Biology Department is going to create an award, in François' name, that will be given to an outstanding third year undergraduate student in the field of Ecology.

François will never be forgotten by his friends.

Biology Grad. Rep.

GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

WINE & CHEESE PARTY
Nov. 10, 1983
6:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.

FACULTY DINING ROOM
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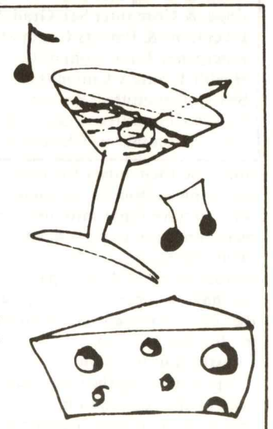
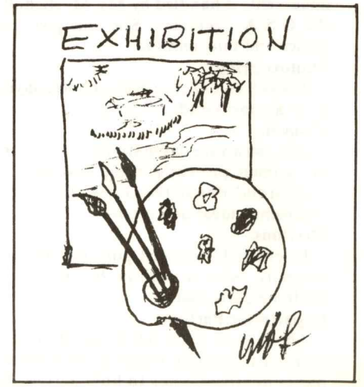
GRAD I.D. REQUIRED





What Does the G.S.A. Do?

By S. Murray

The Graduate Students' Association consists of all students registered in a program of graduate study at Concordia. The Association is run by volunteer graduate students; committed to making life interesting and rewarding for all graduate students. G.S.A. activities include lectures, music concerts, seminars and more. If you are a graduate student, at the time of registration, fees were collected from you. Now! Where is your money going??

Lounge: (see pg.1)

Computer Facilities: (see pg. 1)

Typing:

We are also expanding the typing facilities, which are at your disposal from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (I.B.M. electrics) Please book in advance.

Newsletter:

The Gradnewsletter, published three times a year, contains information relevant to you, and will let you know of upcoming events (like parties and speakers).

Conferences:

Limited funds are available to offset the cost of trips by those grad students presenting papers related to their fields of study at conferences.

Improved Shuttle Service:

Have you noticed that this semester there is a bus which will take you from Sir George to Loyola, and vice versa, until 11:00 p.m. This evening service was obtained through a motion by your graduate student representative on the Board of Governors. The Board is to be thanked for passing this motion. But the point is, part of your G.S.A. fee went to providing secretarial services, which enabled your representatives to work for a better life for graduate students.

Committee Representatives:

There are over 20 committees on which graduate students have seats. This provides an effective channel for graduate students to voice their ideas and concerns to those in charge. Communication and transmittal of documents is handled by Ms. M. Nicholls, the G.S.A. secretary. She can give you advice and information.

Photocopying:

The G.S.A. Office provides photocopying at 5¢ a copy. Grad. I.D. required.

Women:

Are you aware of the studies and reports on women presently being discussed at Concordia? Phone the G.S.A. office with comments, ideas and reports.

Elections:

Elections for council positions are held annually, with a mail-in ballot sent to facilitate participation.

Department Parties:

The G.S.A. allots $5.00 per student to each department (or Faculty). Most departments use these funds to hold parties, but some use their funds for projects such as acquiring equipment, journals, etc. If you want to have input into how your department funds are used, contact your department representative (list on this page). If you are in one of those departments that do not have a representative, please contact the G.S.A. if you are interested in volunteering for this position.

Constitution Revision:

Upon studying the Constitution and By-laws of the Association, we have realized that revision of both documents is in order. This is an important and large project, to be undertaken by the Constitution Revision Committee during this year. Our primary purpose is to re-draft our original documents, improve the articles of pertinence and minimize any confusion or lack of clarity found therein. The following people have volunteered their time in this effort: Omer Sher, Ali Arlani, Harvey Mandelker, William Leonhardt, Peter Georgakakos and Stewart Simon. If you would like to get some "hands on" experience with constitution revisions, please phone the G.S.A. secretary.

If you feel that you have been missing all these services, don't wait any longer. Drop by to learn more about your Association.

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